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## Discover the World of Avon in the name of a worthy cause



**Anna Maria Ramirez, Juraima Quevedo and Annalize Jonghoudt**

Ana Maria Ramirez, Retail Marketing Manager for Aruba Trading Company and Juraima Quevedo, Avon Zone Manager announced yesterday morning that this year, the Avon Expo 2011 will be conducted in the Palm Beach Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort on Sunday, October 16.

Each year, since its inception, the Avon Expo has sponsored a worthy cause; being October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it is quite appropriate that this year's beneficiary of the proceeds from the event will be the Mary Joan Foundation. The Mary Joan Foundation maintains a counseling center in Dakota section of Aruba, and was begun by a number of breast cancer survivors to provide support, information and assistance to victims of breast cancer and their families.

The foundation is named for Mary Joan Geerman, who battled breast for years, and was an activist for women to share their experience and so comfort and educate others; she unfortunately died 8 years after being diagnosed.

Annalize Jonghoudt, representing the Mary Joan Foundation, expressed their sincere

gratitude for Avon's generous sponsorship and affirmed the foundation will host an information booth during the expo.

"The Avon Expo 2011 will be a fun family experience," explained Ana Maria. "There will be popcorn and cotton candy in the kid's corner, fashion shows and demonstrations of interest to both men and women throughout the day." Several booths will showcase the various Avon products for both genders, with plenty of opportunity to sample the various lines for skincare and cosmetic use, as well as fragrances. The theme of the expo will be the coming holiday season, with samplings of appropriated decorations. Aruba Trading Company will also offer free samplings of their diverse inventory of fine wines, liquors and snack products.

Entrance fee is only 1 Aruban florins (\$.57) and includes a ticket for one of the hourly door prize drawings of baskets of ATC products; tickets can be purchased at the Avon office on L.G. Smith Boulevard and at the Aruba Trading Company retail store on the Caya Betico Croes in Oranjestad.

*by Rosalie Klein*

## Program for the Royal Visit of Dutch Queen has been published

ORANJESTAD -- The governor of Aruba has determined the program for the visit of Her Royal Highness Queen Beatrix and His Highness Crown Prins Willem Alexander and Princes Maxima.

The official arrival of the Queen and her party will be Friday 28th of October. The Queen will be formally welcomed to Aruba in front of the Bureau of the Governor on the L.G. Smith Boulevard at 10:00 in the morning. Following the arrival ceremony the Queen will meet with the Governor of Aruba followed by a meeting with the Aruba Parliament and the Council of Ministers.

On the afternoon of the 28th of October the royal visitors will be present at a cultural manifestation in the new Linear Park. Her Royal Highness will witness something of the diversity of our culture. The general public is invited to attend this festive occasion scheduled to take place at 3:00 in the afternoon.

The evening program for October 28th will include a closed reception offered by the Governor and his spouse. In this reception the Queen will make acquaintance with different representatives of



organizations on Aruba.

On the 29th the Queen will visit the National Arikok Park where she will learn of the history, geology and biodiversity of the island. After her visit to the Park she will visit the Yuwana Morto barrio where she will get an impression of the first phase of the BoBario project being realized in Yuwana Morto.

In the afternoon of the 29th of October the Queen there will be separate programs for the Queen and Princes Maxima, and a program for Crown Prins Willem

Alexander.

The Queen and Princess will visit the Fundacion Hende Muhe den Difficultad (Foundation for Women in Trouble) and the Prins will be keynote speaker for the Green Conference to be held in the Renaissance Convention Center.

After these programmed activities, the Royal Dutch Queen and her royal party will bid farewell to Aruba and continue her travels to the other Dutch Kingdom partners in the Caribbean.



**FRENCH GUIANA, Cayenne : A Tullow Oil company technician shows a sample of the oil discovered off the coasts of the French overseas department of Guiana on an offshore oil platform.**

Anglo Dutch energy giant Shell announced on September 9, 2011 that it had discovered oil in deep waters around 150 kilometres (90 miles) off the coast of French Guiana following a joint venture drilling project with venture energy partners Total, Tullow and Northpet.

The discovery means Tullow and its partners can now drill with a greater chance of success in licenses they hold offshore Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Suriname and Guyana.

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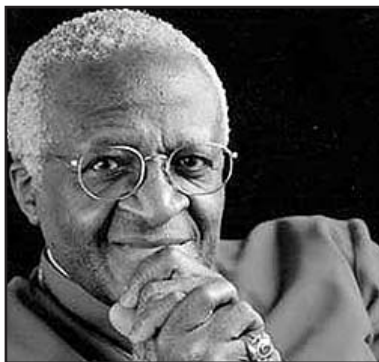
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**TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC**

## Tutu describes 'passion' to stop child marriage



NEW YORK (AFP) - Archbishop Desmond Tutu said Wednesday he is as passionate about fighting the widespread practice of child marriage as he was when he helped bring down apartheid in South

Africa.

"My passion (that) now I hope to translate, transfer to this, is the same passion, commitment that I had when I was fighting, we were fighting, against apartheid," Tutu told a conference in New York, where activists spoke out against the estimated 10 million marriages of underage girls around the world each year.

Tutu, a Nobel peace prize laureate and hero of the struggle to end white minority rule in his native South Africa, said he came late to the realization of how common child marriage is and how much damage it causes.

Once an underage girl is forced into the role of wife and child bearer, she will drop out of education, be unable to work, and likely opt out of programs to improve health, causing wider impact across society, according to Tutu.

"For a very, very long time I didn't know," he told a panel at the Clinton Global Initiative

meeting in New York. "I thought it was something that happens only in India." "We can just as well forget doing anything about eradicating poverty or hunger. We can forget about universal primary education," he said.

"We can forget about gender equality. We can forget about maternal health. We can forget about doing anything significant about HIV/AIDS."

Tutu said that when a girl becomes a mother under the age of 15, she is five times more likely to die in childbirth than a mother of 19 or 20.

Niger is believed to lead the world in child marriage, which is also common in central and western Africa, parts of Asia and in the Middle East, with motives ranging from economic arrangements to tribal traditions.

Tutu, who turns 80 next month, was in New York launching the Girls Not Brides campaign, headed by a group of prominent humanitarian activists called The Elders.

## Blast at Dutch court causes damage, no injuries

THE HAGUE (AFP) - An explosion at a courthouse in Amsterdam early Wednesday caused damage but no injuries, police said, adding they were searching for two suspects.

"In the morning of September 21, around 2:30 am (0030 GMT, there was an explosion in the court building," that caused damage on several floors but no injuries, a police statement said.

An Amsterdam police spokesman said: "We are looking for a minimum of two suspects but we are not yet giving any descriptions."

Police commissioner Arno Jursing said on public televi-

sion that the blast was caused by an explosive but police did not provide any details of the suspects, their motives or the type of explosives used.

Court spokeswoman Hanke Pouw said the blast reached the third floor of the building where the lift's cage was located, adding: "only the stairwell suffered real damage, therefore everything is carrying on normally."

The third floor houses waiting rooms and the prosecutor's office, she said.

Another court spokesman, Otto Van der Bijl, said there were no cases to be heard Wednesday that could possibly have provoked the attack.

## Tropical Storm Ophelia forms, heads toward Caribbean

MIAMI (AFP) - Tropical Storm Ophelia formed in the Atlantic Wednesday on a track projected to sweep past Puerto Rico and the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti by early next week, US weather forecasters said.

"Maximum sustained winds are near 45 miles (75 kilometers) per hour with higher gusts," the National Hurricane Center said. "Some gradual strengthening is possible during the next day or so."

At 0900 GMT, the storm was about 1,370 miles (2,205 kilometers) east of the Leeward Islands, moving west at 13 miles per hour.

The storm's projected track

puts a swath of the eastern Caribbean in its path, reaching Puerto Rico and the eastern tip of the Dominican Republic by Monday.

Quake-ravaged Haiti, seen as particularly vulnerable because of its large population of people living in flimsy shelters, borders the Dominican Republic on the western side of the island of Hispaniola.

Ophelia is the 16th named storm of the 2011 Atlantic season, which has seen three hurricanes so far, including Irene, a massive system that unleashed deadly floods and storm surges in the eastern United States.

## Obama warns there is no 'short cut' to peace

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - US President Barack Obama warned Palestinians on Wednesday that there is no "short cut" to peace as France launched its own bid to avert a new Middle East crisis over a Palestinian bid for full UN membership.

While one top official said Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas was ready to give "some time" to the Security Council to consider statehood, the Palestinians did not pull back from their vow to submit an application Friday.

As tens of thousands of Palestinians staged rallies in the occupied territories and

with the credibility of US policy on the line, Obama made the Middle East conflict the centerpiece of his annual UN speech before holding crucial meetings with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Abbas.

The United States has threatened to veto any Palestinian application to the Security Council, insisting that only direct negotiations can produce a permanent deal.

Obama said the Israelis and Palestinians must sit down to "reach agreement on the issues that divide them: on borders and security; on refugees and Jerusalem."

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## Saxophonist Candy Dufler returns to Aruba!



The 42-year-old genius saxophonist, Candy Dufler from Amsterdam is on her way back to Aruba!

Candy Dufler is a world-renowned saxophonist who has played with such top names as Lionel Ritchie, Aretha Franklin, and Prince whom she has included in many of her performances. She has also played for the renowned Pink Floyd Band. These have all recognized the tremendous gift of this outstanding Dutch musician.

The Aruba Caribbean Jazz Festival considers it a great honor to have Candy Dufler

Boys. There will be several stands around and inside the Cas Di Cultura.

Candy began playing the sax at the early age of six, and was instructed by renowned saxophonist Hans Dufler, her own father. Father Dufler quickly recognized talent in his young daughter and signed her up for the local Jeugd Doet Leven na Zuiderwoude band. There she switched from playing a soprano sax to an alto sax which up to now is her favorite instrument.

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## Bacardi Brand Master visited Aruba

ORANJESTAD - Tropical Bottling Company, distributor for the world's best sold rum, Bacardi, recently had the honor of having Brand Master William Ramos as guest of honor. Ramos gave 8 informative training sessions here.

Employees of Tropical Bottling Company and Tropical's F&B clients of restaurants, bars and hotels were also among the training participants. A Mojito Cocktail Party at Mojito's Bar & Grill was also on the agenda in an effort to honor the visit of William Ramos.

Ramos has more than 19 years with the Bacardi Company and is extremely knowledgeable on just about every area related to rum. William Ramos began his career in the Bacardi distillery, working and learning everything he could about rum from Bacardi Master Blender Jose Gomez. When he began at the company, Jose Gomez was the only person who could give seminars and tasting sessions for the Bacardi Company. Under his guidance the responsibility for training was passed on to



Ramos. In 1999, Ramos received the honorable recognition from Bacardi Limited as their Brand Master and the Bacardi Excellence Award.

William Ramos and Jose Gomez continue to this day sharing their knowledge so that they can continue to carry on the distilling tradition and the production of rum.

William Ramos has shared his passion for rum to more than 250,000 people around the world in the last 9 years. It is believed that because of his passion and with his assistance the Bacardi Company, now 149 years old, will continue to have a long and bright future.

The Bacardi Rum's history

began in Santiago de Cuba and for political reasons it was moved to Puerto Rico where they have continued to produce this superior rum up to this day. It is said that they are still using the very same recipe that Don Facundo Bacardi used way back in 1862. Bacardi Superior and its many variations allow the consumer many choices for preparing drinks of the well-known cocktails. One can think of the famous Cuba Libre, Mojito Original, Daiquiri and Piña Colada. Then there are the aged Bacardi or Bacardi Limited, which can be enjoyed straight with ice.

## Loyal Aruba visitors honored



Recently a group of loyal visitors were honored as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba. The honorees are Mr. William and Mrs. Michelle Dimaria, Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Mary Dulski, Mr. Gary and Mrs. Donna Stroud, Mr. George and Mrs. Virginia Nuffer and Mr. Eddy Clark and Mrs. Linda Wilder. Mr. Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, presented the honorees with a beautiful certificate as a 'thank you' gesture for love their for Aruba, in presence of Luzdary Leest representing The Marriott Surf Club.



## UN Summit recognizes dementia importance

This week the United Nations held only its second meeting in its history on a global health issues by convening a Summit on Non Communicable Diseases (NCD). The final political declaration of the summit specifically recognize neurological diseases, including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as an important cause of morbidity that contribute to the global NCD burden and that NCD prevention programs and health care interventions provide equitable access to effective programmes for these illnesses.

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) is very excited by this recognition of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias as a burden on par with diabetes, cancer, lung diseases and cardiovascular disease. It is a major step forward in public health action on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, which may be accomplished through improved access to diagnosis and care, chronic



disease management programs and risk reduction programs. With 36 million people living with dementia worldwide today and the growing problem especially in lower and middle income countries, adding Alzheimer's considerations to the health planning effort at the country and World Health Organization level is a major leap forward toward mobilising the imagination and resources of the public health community.

ADI has become a Full Partner in the NCD Alliance with the other four disease areas. Marc Wortmann, Executive Director of ADI says: "I am very proud that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are part of the Po-

litical Declaration that was agreed on during the Summit. This is a result of extraordinary public policy efforts of the entire Alzheimer's movement and dementia advocates in many countries as well as our umbrella bodies Alzheimer Europe and Alzheimer's Disease International. We also mobilised great support with ten international partners, all organisations dedicated to ageing issues, who successfully campaigned to get ageing, dementia and care issues recognised during the Summit."

Foundation Alzheimer Aruba - F.A.A. is a non-profit organization helping and educating the community on Aruba about Alzheimer's Disease. The foundation is affiliated to 'Alzheimer Ibero-america' (AIB), a Spanish speaking foundation network that strives to unite national Alzheimer organizations from the the Caribbean, Central and South America.

## The White Camellia

By: Roland W. Peterson

He entered the room and placed the white Camellia on the little table  
He sat in front of her and smiled  
She looked passed him and did not blink an eye.

He has been doing this now for the last fourteen years and still cannot get her to smile  
As he looked into the expressionless eyes his thoughts wandered away  
Oh ... how well he remembered the days when he brought her the white Camellia

She would joyfully place it in her hair  
Laugh, hug and kiss him  
They would spend hours having fun together  
Today he spends hours just looking into those expressionless eyes



As he stood up to leave he kissed her on her forehead  
She then said: "But who are you?"

As the tears sprang into his eyes there was a lump in his throat  
With his trembling hands he placed the white Camellia in her hair  
As he walked away he knew that she did not recognize or remembered him  
But he ... he lives on with the memory that he remembers all too well:

The memory of, ... "the woman that she used to be, and whom he will love forever"

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## Candy Dulfer returns to Aruba

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Candy's first recording was when she was 11 years old. She recorded together with her father. And at the age of 12 she made a presentation in the famous North Sea Jazz Festival together with Rosa King as member of the female horn section. At 14 she started her own band, Funky Stuff, which rapidly gained attention by audiences.

As a result of her performances with Prince and Dave Steward and her own successful album, she was asked to join Van Morrison. Impressed with her playing Van Morrison still invites Candy to do live presentations and to record together with him.

Candy is now enroute to Aruba where Jazz lovers from the region and the USA and from Europe will come to enjoy Candy in Paradise. The first night of the Festival will be October 7th with Angie Stone on the stage, Eddie Palmerie, Tango Extremo and Cosy Cotton.

Tickets for both nights are on sale online at: [www.caribbeanseafoundation.com](http://www.caribbeanseafoundation.com), or at Plaza Bookshop, Cliffix, Superfood, Moomba Beach, Cas Di Cultura and at CD's & More.

## Sky Lounge in Paseo Herencia hosts the Aruba Music Explosion Kick-off Party



Valerie and Marketing Director Candy Rasmijn draw nine lucky winners

Aruba Music Explosion is ready to rock the island with three days of fantastic performers at the Piedra Plat Entertainment Center, beginning tonight with one of the greatest balladeers on the pop scene, EVER, Michael Bolton.

Get ready to get romantic with this great act.

The excitement began on Tuesday evening, as Paseo Herencia shopping center and the elegant Sky Lounge, located at the center of the mall, hosted the AMEX Kick-off

party. AMEX representatives offered concert tickets at special prices, while conducting the drawing from the raffle awarding 9 lucky winners with tickets for 2 for the AMEX evening of their choice were Paseo Herencia General Manager Valerie Camacho-Pietersz and Marketing and Events Manager Candy Rasmijn-Reino.

The ladies took great pleasure in calling and informing the excited winners of their great good fortune, who came dashing over to claim their tickets. They could see that 2 weeks of commerce at the diversity of stores located within Paseo Herencia accumulated quite a few raffle tickets in the tumbler, so they appreciated how very lucky they were to have their names drawn.

Friday evening's concert will feature 4-time Grammy nominated Gilberto Santa

Rosa and fiery Olga Tanon, a winner of 3 Latin Grammys and 2 Grammy awards. Saturday night it will be Luis Fonzi, Felipe Pelaez, and Servando and Florentino center stage in Piedra Plat for a spectacular finish to the 3-day event.

"We at Paseo Herencia are absolutely thrilled to be a partner in promoting this inaugural

installment of a fabulous new musical extravaganza for Aruba," express Valerie. "It is such an exciting mix of musical styles and performers; we found store patrons were very pleased about this additional bonus to shopping with us."

by Rosalie Klein



Another happy winner with Paseo GM Valerie Camacho Pietersz



## SCI-TECH

# Were Twin Towers felled by chemical blasts?



PARIS (AFP) - A mix of sprinkling system water and melted aluminium from aircraft hulls likely triggered the explosions that felled New York's Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, a materials expert has told a technology conference.

"If my theory is correct, tonnes of aluminium ran down through the towers, where the smelt came into contact with a few hundred litres of water," Christian Simensen, a scientist at SINTEF, an independent technology research institute based in Norway, said in a statement released Wednesday.

"From other disasters and experiments carried out by the aluminium industry, we know that reactions of this sort lead to violent explosions."

The official report blames the collapse on the over-heating and failure of the structural steel beams at the core

of the buildings, an explanation Simensen rejects.

Given the quantities of the molten metal involved, the blasts would have been powerful enough to blow out an entire section of each building, he said.

This, in turn, would lead to the top section of each tower to fall down on the sections below.

The sheer weight of the top floors would be enough to crush the lower part of the building like a house of card, he said.

The aluminium-water scenario would also account for explosions from within the buildings just prior to their collapse that have fuelled conspiracy theories suggesting that the structures had been booby-trapped.

Simensen presented his theory at an international materials technology conference in San Diego, California, and

has detailed his calculations in an article published in the trade journal Aluminium International Today.

"The aluminium industry had reported more than 250 aluminium-water explosions since 1980," he said.

In a controlled experiment carried out by Alcoa Aluminium, 20 kilos (44 pounds) of molten aluminium was allowed to react with 20 litres of water, along with a small quantity of rust.

"The explosion destroyed the entire laboratory and left a crater 30 metres (100 feet) in diameter," Simensen said.

By comparison, the aircraft carried 30 tons of aluminium into each of the towers, according to his calculations.

Simensen speculates that the two commercial jets were immediately trapped inside an insulating layer of building debris within the skyscrapers.

The debris -- especially plaster, which blocks the transfer of heat -- would have formed a shield protecting the rest of the building.

At the same time, however, it would create a super-hot, oven-like zone around the aircraft, heated by burning fuel.

Aluminium alloy, which in jet hulls also contains magnesium, melts at 660 degrees Celsius (1,220 degrees Fahrenheit). If heated to 750 C (1382 F), the alloy "becomes as liquid as water," Simensen said.

This molten aluminium could then have flowed downward through staircases and gaps in the floor, causing a chemical reaction with water from sprinklers on the levels below.

A meltdown period of 30 to 45 minutes would be consistent with the timing of the explosions and subsequent collapse of both buildings in relation to the moment of impact.

Simensen said there are lessons to be learned, if his theory is correct, that could help avoid a similar disaster were another skyscraper to be hit by a big jet.

"We could develop means of rapidly emptying sprinkler systems in the floors beneath the point of impact," he said.

Firing a rocket with fire-retardant that could coat the aircraft body could also help prevent metal alloy from melting.



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## Swedish daycare to test GPS for tracking kids

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AFP) - A daycare centre in the southern Swedish city of Malmö said Wednesday it planned to test GPS devices for tracking children when they are out on excursions.

"We will test this system on 10 children for a week in October. We will have 10 GPS transmitters attached to their reflective vests when we're outside the nursery school," explained Karin Werholt, who runs the Kronprinsen (Crown Prince) centre that cares for 36 children between the ages of one and six.

"We will test if the trans-

mitters are robust, if they work well and if they affect the children's playing in any way," she told AFP, adding that the centre did not have any problem keeping track of kids and it remained unclear whether it would purchase the system if the test went well.

According to the Malmö company Purple Scout that provides the system, the GPS transmitters all report the positions of the children to one mobile phone, which sounds an alert if a transmitter moves beyond a certain distance from the phone.

## US libraries lend digital books to Kindle readers

Thousands of US libraries on Wednesday began lending digital books over the Internet for reading on Amazon's popular Kindle devices.

Amazon said more than 11,000 libraries throughout the United States have added Kindle books to virtual shelves at their respective websites.

Amazon Kindle director Jay Marine added that Amazon was "doing something a little extra" by adding technology that stores highlights, notes or bookmarks made in digital works by borrowers for reference when next they check out the titles.

"Normally, making margin notes in library books is a

big no-no, but we're fixing this," he said.

What electronic books are available and durations of loans will be determined by individual libraries. Borrowed books can be sent wirelessly to Kindle e-readers or transferred using USB memory sticks.

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## Health &amp; Living

## India orders cull to tackle bird flu outbreak

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India has ordered the immediate culling of chickens in an eastern part of the country in a bid to contain an outbreak of bird flu.

Outbreaks were confirmed in two villages in West Bengal, which has been severely hit by the virus in previous years, a government statement said late Tuesday.

Samples tested positive for the H5 strain of avian influenza, popularly known as bird flu.

All chickens will be culled within a three kilometre (nearly two mile) radius of the focal point of the infection, the statement said, without giving numbers.

Eggs and chicken feed will also be destroyed to control the further spread of the disease.

The Indian outbreak of flu follows a warning three weeks ago by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation that avian flu was on the rise globally after a five-year decline.

The FAO said a mutant strain of the H5N1 virus was spreading in Asia and outside the continent.

It was not immediately known whether there was any link between the Indian outbreak and the mutant strain detected in China and Vietnam, for which no vaccine has yet been developed.

If it spreads to humans, bird flu can cause fever, cough, sore throat, pneumonia, respiratory disease and sometimes death.

In 2008, West Bengal carried out a massive cull of nearly four million birds to bring bird flu under control.

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## Toxic BPA turning up in children's soup cans: group

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Worrying levels of BPA, an industrial chemical with suspected links to cancer, lurk inside canned soups and pasta targeted at American children, the Breast Cancer Fund said Wednesday.

In a product testing report, the non-profit advocacy group -- which focuses on environmental causes of cancer -- said an average of 49 parts per bil-

lion of BPA, or bisphenol A, was detected in a dozen cans of food items tested.

Best known as a hardening agent in plastic bottles, BPA is also widely used to line the inside of metal cans, but a raft of scientific studies have pointed to a possible link with cancer and other illnesses. Earlier this year, the European Union banned the use of BPA in the manufacture of baby

bottles. Its use in infant food containers is also restricted in Canada as well as 10 US states.

In its tests, the group found levels of BPA ranging from 148 ppb in a can of Campbell's Disney Princess Cool Shapes shaped pasta with chicken and chicken broth to 10 ppb in a can of Campbell's SpaghettiOs with meatballs.

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Homegrown and Chef Boyardee products were also tested, with eight of the 12 cans found to have BPA levels in excess of the 49 ppb average. It was unclear why there was such a wide variation between the cans tested, or why cans bought in California were liable to have higher BPA levels than those from Wisconsin.

But Salter said that previ-

ous laboratory experiments have suggested that some foodstuffs are liable to provoke greater toxic leeching from BPA packaging than others. Pending sweeping legislation to ban BPA across the board, the Breast Cancer Fund urged parents to avoid canned foods and instead feed their youngsters dry or frozen pasta, fruit, or soup packaged in paper-based containers.



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## 20 year anniversary of La Cabana Beach & Racquet club marked unveiling of stunning new lobby



A sleek, contemporary look for the lobby and mezzanine



20th anniversary employees honored.

Ten months of feverish and focused renovations resulted in the opening of the sleek, contemporary new lobby of the La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club on Tuesday evening, September 20; the unveiling was combined with a twenty year anniversary celebration of the largest and most elaborate timeshare facility on Aruba.

La Cabana General Manager Joe Najjar and President of the Board of Directors, William Mosconi, welcomed Prime Minister Mike Eman and his wife Doina along with several parliamentarians and tourism executives for the glittering event.

William Mosconi gave particular credit to Mr. Najjar for his vision and determination in seeing this \$38 million dollar renovation project realized, with several blocks of rooms still to be completed. However, the centerpiece of the project is undoubtedly the im-

pressive lobby, and guests are certain to appreciate the bright, attractive gathering area. While radically refreshing the decor they wisely kept the beautifully scenic stained glass vista of Aruba's shores which has always been a signature of La Cabana; great pains were taken to safeguard the artwork during the renovation process.

Mr. Najjar had commissioned reputed island artist Maria Theresa Martinez, President of the MANA Foundation, to curate the art collection that will be a key element of the lobby's décor. Over the next twelve months there will be four exhibitions displayed exploring and interpreting the concept of the four elements, water, earth, air and fire. Tuesday evening the Water exhibition, featuring eighteen local artists, adorned the walls of the lobby and mezzanine.

During his welcome address, Mr. Mosconi particu-

larly expressed his gratitude to Bluegreen Vacation Club, La Cabana's partners in their interval program for their invaluable assistance in juggling accommodations for their owners during the renovation process. Bluegreen Senior Vice President Barney Barber was present to offer his congratulations for the resort completing this project as was David Callaghan, Vice President Resort Sales and Service for Interval International.

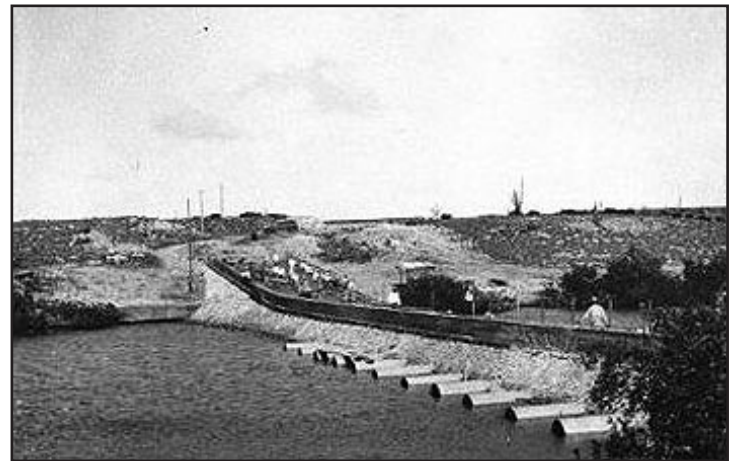
The event included the recognition of nine charter associates who have been with La Cabana since it opened its doors in December of 1990. Prime Minister Eman offered his personal congratulations, recalling the excitement of when this groundbreaking facility first captured the attention of visitors and island residents with its bold and innovative vision. The first major resort to locate on the pristine stretch of Eagle Beach, considered by a number of rating agencies to be one of the top 10 beaches in the world, it established a new era and direction in the development of Aruba's tourism industry. The Prime Minister was presented with a memento of the evening: a framed artist's rendering of the new façade accented with an elegant porte-cochere.

La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club has the distinction of being a vacation club facility offering one of the most diverse selections of amenities on the island with several affordable eateries, shops, daily kid's camp and soon to come, an in-house casino.

Bluegreen owners returning to their favorite facility will be extremely pleased with the results, and well satisfied that it was worth the inconvenience. Mr. Mosconi also acknowledged and thanked the La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club owners and patrons for their loyalty and patience during the completion of the project.

by Rosalie Klein

## A Brief History of the old Balashi Bridge!



The Old Balashi Bridge in construction, 1929



The Balashi Bridge has been closed for several weeks now due to an extensive renovation taking place on this 82 year old bridge.

Before the construction of the Balashi Bridge in 1929, traffic between the two sections of the island was possible only through the French Man's Pass. This route took almost a whole day because of the terrible condition of this dirt road. During rainy season it was even worse!

When Isaac Wagemaker was installed as Lieutenant Governor in 1928 he began immediately to upgrade the infrastructure of the island. Among the projects he undertook was the roads, both roads in Oranjestad as in San Nicolaas and at other points on the island. In Oranjestad, pigs were commonly seen walking around on the dirt roads. Nassaustraat was the first road to be asfalted and given sidewalks. Other roads

then followed. A new road was constructed on the other end of the island, San Nicolaas, where the Lago Oil Refinery began its operations. A semblance of a bridge was constructed in Spaans Lagoen. Actually, this was more a type of dike or causeway with big pipes in it for the flow of water. On this they had a road build. The photos of those years show those pipes very visibly.

Towards the end of the 50's and in 1960, the bridge at Spaans Lagoen received a face-lift. Today it is being completely reconstructed with a modern concrete system, which allows for a free passage of water.

Someone suggested that once the reconstruction is completed and the bridge is reopened that it should be given a formal name: they suggest we name it, the Isaac Wagemaker Bridge.... Give honor to whom honor is due!





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## Riedel Glassware Wine Tasting Dinner, set for Friday at Divi's Window on Aruba



Windows on Aruba revealed plans for an exceptional Riedel Glassware Wine Tasting Dinner in collaboration with Arion Wine Company.

The restaurant will be preparing a gourmet five-course dinner, paired with an outstanding selection of international wines, proving that the pleasure of wine drinking starts with the glass!

Reservations can be made by calling the restaurant, with only limited seating available, for the event starting at 7pm.

Kent Lewis of Riedel will lead participants through an entertaining and educational experience of how dramatically Riedel, the best and most famous wine glasses in the

world, enhance the enjoyment of wines. He will also award each patron a set of 4 Riedel crystal wine glasses.

Riedel wine glasses are shaped especially for major grape varietals such as Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Riedel has special flutes designed for Champagne, and stylish Cocktail and Martini glasses. The entire collection is available in Aruba at ASD Hotel & Restaurant, Equipment & Supplies, in Eagle.

The company was launched in the early 17th century in Bohemia, in central Europe, where glass blowers from Italy migrated north to the woods of the Sudeten Mountains in search of fuel for their glass

furnaces. Tradition and Innovation have typified the company's success story for the past 300 years, through 11 generations of Riedel family members.

Robert M Parker Jr., of the famed Wine Advocate declares: "The finest glasses for both technical and hedonistic purposes are those made by Riedel. The effect of these glasses on fine wine is profound. I cannot emphasize enough what a difference they make."

The culinary team of Windows on Aruba will be pairing an award winning menu with great wines serving Beef and Mushrooms with Veramonte, Pinot Noir, Casablanca Valley, Chile 2009; Scallops and Shrimp with Domaine Neumeyer, Pinot Blanc, La Tulipe, Alsace, France, 2009; Halibut and Duck with Schug, Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, California, 2009; Veal in Merlot with Clos du Val, Merlot, Napa Valley, California, 2006; and Chocolate and Lemon for dessert, with Quady Elysium, Black Muscat Madera, California.

A welcome drink will be served at 6:30pm on Friday, 23rd, before the table d'hôte

## Two Divi housekeepers retire after stellar careers



Druif Beach – A small gathering on the beach between the Tamarijn and the Divi Mega Resorts, paid tribute to two members of the housekeeping department preparing to retire their uniforms shortly.

Housekeeping Supervisor Maria Pannefle started working for Divi Resorts on December 12th, 1984, when the Dutch Village timeshare condos first opened. She will be retiring after 27 years, in which she cared for the property and its guests wholeheartedly, making many friends and enjoying her career under the guidance of legendary Divi housekeeping managers. Thanks to her dedication, Maria became supervisor one year after starting as a room attendant. In her role as supervisor she was in charge of 6 building, 27 apartments, a multi-cultural staff and an even more diverse and international clientele, which she got to know very well, looking forward to meeting them each year, when they came running for her immediately after check in.

Post-retirement Maria is determined to travel, and she already has a cruise booked, accompanied by her husband at the beginning of next year. She will also spend more time with her grandson, as her working days are positively over.

Esnit Pacheco, a room attendant at Divi Village, also about to retire, started working at the resort in the year 2000. Originally from Colombia, Esnit is looking forward to retirement in order to care for her 100 year old mom, her ten grandchildren and her own seven children. She is also planning a career move, transitioning from housekeeping to perhaps cashiering, but she definitely plans to continue working, because at 62, single and in great shape, she doesn't consider retirement an option, just a life-style change. Pictured here Maria & Esnit with Rachel van de Kamp, Executive Housekeeper, on the beach between the two resorts, celebrating their friendships and their future plans.

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## Finance

### Shunning political pressure, Fed backs more stimulus

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve redoubled its efforts to juice the US economy on Wednesday, unveiling a \$400 billion stimulus plan and shunning political calls for the bank to take a back seat.

The Fed's top policy panel unleashed the latest in a battery of tools to rekindle the troubled US economy, moving to make mortgages and borrowing cheaper by pushing down long-term interest rates.

In a plan dubbed "Operation Twist," the Fed said it would switch bonds in its huge portfolio with a maturity of less than three years to bonds with a maturity of six to 30 years.

Supporters say the plan would lower interest rates, prodding cash-rich banks to put their idle reserves to work.

Amid criticism that the Fed has become too intervention-

ist, the bank pointed to an economic recovery buckling under high unemployment and a protracted housing crisis.

The size of the Fed's plan shocked some economists, including Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

But the plan also thrusts the Fed to the center of Washington's acrid party politics, an uncomfortable place for an institution which zealously guards its independence from the White House, Treasury and Congress.

In a rare push to shape Federal Reserve policy, top Republican leaders in the US Congress warned Fed chief Ben Bernanke in a letter released Tuesday against new steps to boost the ailing US economy.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner, Republican House Majority Leader Eric

Cantor, Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and his top deputy Senator Jon Kyl sent the unusual message on Monday.

"We have serious concerns that further intervention by the Federal Reserve could exacerbate current problems or further harm the US economy," they wrote, as the Fed's policy board was set to open a key Wednesday-Thursday meeting.

"We submit that the board should resist further extraordinary intervention in the US economy, particularly without a clear articulation of the goals of such a policy, direction for success, ample data proving a case for economic action and quantifiable benefits to the American people," they wrote.

There were signs Wednesday that view had traction even within the bank.

### Chile court approves merger of LAN, TAM airlines

SANTIAGO (AFP) - A Chilean anti-trust court on Wednesday approved the merger of the country's LAN airlines and Brazil's TAM under certain conditions, in a step toward the creation of Latin America's largest air carrier.

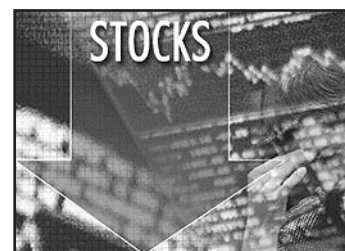
LAN and TAM, already two of the largest airlines in South America, announced in August 2010 their plans to

form a regional giant, LATAM airlines, which would become one of the 10 largest in the world.

The new airline would have combined revenues of more than \$8.0 billion and fly passengers to 115 destinations in 23 countries.

It would have a combined workforce of 40,000 employees and a fleet of more than 240 aircraft.

### US stocks plunge after Fed's 'Twist' action



NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks dived Wednesday after the Federal Reserve announced new measures to support the flagging economy that left investors cold.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted 283.82 points (2.49 percent) to finish at 11,124.84.

The broader S&P 500 dropped 35.33 points (2.94 percent) to 1,166.76, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite shed 52.05 points (2.01 percent) to 2,538.19.

At the end of a two-day policy meeting, the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee announced plans to shift \$400 billion in its shorter-term debt portfolio holdings to longer-term bonds in a bid to lower long-term interest rates and stimulate the economy.

Traders also digested a series of Moody's downgrades on three top US banks -- Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup -- saying it saw the US government less willing than before to rescue them if

they become unstable.

BofA shares plunged 7.5 percent, Citi shed 5.2 percent and Wells Fargo lost 3.9 percent.

Better-than-expected quarterly earnings drove gains for Oracle, up 4.1 percent at \$29.50, and for software maker Adobe Systems, which added almost one percent at \$24.88.

Apple slipped 0.4 percent. Technology blog AllThingsD, citing sources close to the situation, reported Apple would launch its iPhone 5, the next generation of its smartphone, on October 4.

Hewlett-Packard was up 6.7 percent amid reports that chief executive Leo Apotheker, who was hired less than a year ago, could be replaced by former eBay chief executive Meg Whitman.

The bond market rallied as investors fled equities. The yield on the Treasury's 10-year bond fell to 1.88 percent from 1.95 percent Tuesday, after earlier hitting a record low at 1.86 percent.

The yield on the 30-year bond finished at 3.04 percent, down from 3.21 percent Tuesday. In intraday trade it slid to 3.03 percent, its lowest level since January 2009.

Bond prices and yields move in opposite directions.

### Obama, Noda vow to push economic growth

UNITED NATION (AFP) - US President Barack Obama held his first talks with Japan's new Prime Minister Yoshihiko

Noda on Wednesday, and both leaders pledged to boost fragile global economic growth.

The leaders met on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Noda replaced the unpopular Naoto Kan as Prime Minister on September 2.

"As the two largest economies in the world, we have to continue to promote growth that can help put our people to work and improve standards of living," Obama said.

"We have to modernize our alliance to meet the needs of the 21st century," Obama said, and reiterated that the United States stood ready to offer Japan further help as it fights

back from its quake-tsunami disaster.

Noda said that the United States had provided "enormous support" for Japan since the disaster in March, and said the alliance was a pillar of Japanese foreign policy.

He also said through a translator that the economy "might be drawn back into another recession, and Japan and the United States must work on the economic growth and the fiscal situation at the same time."

It was unclear whether Noda had the Japanese or the global economy in mind, amid rising fears that slowing world growth could result in a so-called double dip recession.

#### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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## Visit the Mario Hernandez shop for the finest in Latin American designer accessories

"It's all in the details," believes the owners of the Mario Hernandez shop in the Paseo Herencia Mall "The fine handcraftsmanship and classic styling of the Mario Hernandez accessories have placed them in high demand around the world, and we are proud to have the only MH store on Aruba."

The cozy little shop can be found tucked away just across from The Cinemas ticket booth, featuring fine quality leather goods with a trendy touch, the best of the current Mario Hernandez designer collection. It also features a stylish selection of the designer's logo unisex shirts and stunning silk scarves. Our personal favorite was a cashmere shawl with MH 25th anniversary Chrysalis motif in suede appliques; the look and feel of it is simply gorgeous. Shawls and scarves perfectly combine with the buttery leather handbags and accessories for an ensemble fashion statement.

The Mario Hernandez collection encompasses luggage,



Cashmir shawl with suede fringe and applique



Men's leather accessories



MH collection with art by William DeBilzan

handbags and wallets of every sort, with specialized functions. "Our men's accessories are extremely popular; literally flying off the shelves," note the owners. In the two years since they opened their doors, they have found patrons are very impressed with the quality and style of the goods.

Just a short time ago, the design house created an extremely attractive new line featuring the art of William DeBilzan, noted American artist whose work is often seen adorning the chic homes of television characters; he



Casual wear, sturdy luggage and accessories

has popular galleries in both Florida and California and his work is exhibited in over 28 galleries across the U.S. and Europe.

Mario Hernandez has been creating and designing products for over 30 years; his name is synonymous with manufacturing excellence and innovation in design. The store in Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach is open until 10:00 PM for convenient night-time shopping and boasts the latest collection of these timelessly styled accessories, each of them handcrafted at the Bogotá factory.

## Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

have been with the company for ten years are ready to serve you with a smile.

Besides serving traditional breakfast dishes such as eggs sunny side up with ham and cheese, scrambled or plain they also serve pastechi horna (a small pie pocket with different fillings), crêpes, sweet crêpes and bagels with cream cheese, smoked salmon or boiled eggs.

If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something



For ten years The Old Fisherman has been serving local cuisine with an international twist for lunch and dinner and they have managed to stay on top by using high quality fresh ingredients. From their fish cakes with "funchi" (polenta) and "pan

from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.



bati" nicely presented to soup of the day accompanied by delicious deserts.

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## In first, US ballet star joins Russia's Bolshoi



MOSCOW (AFP) - US ballet star David Hallberg is to join Russia's Bolshoi Theatre for the new season, the first time an American has become a member of the legendary company a Bolshoi source

told AFP.

Whereas Russian dancers including Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov famously defected to the West from the Soviet Union, this is the first time that a Western dancer is to perform full time with the Bolshoi.

Hallberg, 29, is one of the hottest properties in international ballet, famed for his technical brilliance as well as his filmstar good looks that make him a prime example of the "noble" male dancer of classical ballets.

Since 2005, he has been one of the main attractions of the American Ballet Theatre.

He will be joining the Bolshoi at an exciting time for the company, which is moving back into its historic home

theatre after a half-decade-long closure for a much prolonged restoration.

"Personally, I feel a sense of responsibility as an American," The New York Times quoted Hallberg as saying. "I will be bringing something different to the company, but I will also be respecting their traditions as well."

Western dancers have on occasion over the last years made guest appearances with the Bolshoi and its main rival, the Mariinsky Theatre of Saint Petersburg.

But in contrast to Western companies like London's Royal Ballet, the Russian theatres have until now drawn their troupes exclusively from Russia and the former Soviet Union.

## Elizabeth Taylor dresses, accessories to be auctioned



Elizabeth Taylor's La Peregrina Pearl jewelry set

NEW YORK (AFP) - Some 400 dresses and accessories that belonged to the late US film star Elizabeth Taylor will be auctioned in December, as well as more than 200 pieces of her jewelry.

Christie's auction house said Tuesday that the December event will include dresses, shoes and handbags that span 50 years in the life of the Hollywood star, including items by Chanel, Christian Dior and Versace.

It will include the wedding dresses she wore when she married Richard Burton, in 1964 and again in 1975, and the gown she wore to the 1992 Oscars, when she was given a special award for her support for the fight against AIDS.

The most expensive dress -- the one from her first marriage -- is expected to go for \$40,000 to \$60,000.

"Many of the pieces in this lifetime collection were couture, custom made for Ms Taylor by designers who became her close friends," said Meredith Etherington-Smith of Christie's.

The auction of the dresses on December 14-15 will follow a jewelry auction on December 13-14, which will bring together 269 necklaces, diamond rings, brooches and earrings valued at more than \$30 million.

A ruby and diamond necklace designed by Elizabeth Taylor and incorporating a 16th-century pearl that once belonged to Spanish royalty is expected to go for \$2-3 million.

Taylor, famed as much for her glamorous but stormy love life as her five-decade Oscar-winning film career, died on March 23 at the age of 79.

She won two Academy Awards for best actress, including in the 1966 classic "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" one of many films she played opposite Burton.



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## Pope 'never been in love': brother



Pope Benedict XVI, and his older brother, George Ratzinger

BERLIN (AFP) - The young Pope Benedict XVI never fell in love with a girl, his brother said in an interview published on Wednesday.

Georg Ratzinger, 87, who

is a priest, also said that the pontiff should not hesitate to step down for health reasons.

Asked by German glossy magazine Bunte if the two brothers had been in love with girls when young, said: "No. It was clear to us from an early age that we should take another path and refrain from marriage."

The 84-year-old German-born pope, who is due to begin his first state visit to his homeland on Thursday, should re-

sign if his physical health were to deteriorate, said his elder brother.

"If it is not going well health-wise, my brother should have the courage and the willpower to resign from his position," Ratzinger, 87, said.

"But it hasn't come to that yet, he is very capable of taking action."

Benedict has had no notable health problems since his election following the death of John Paul II, whose final years were marked by noticeable pain and suffering from Parkinson's disease.

Even Benedict, spiritual leader of the world's 1.2 bil-

lion Catholics, is not free of sin, Ratzinger told Bunte.

"Everyone sins -- whether

you are the pope or not. My brother of course confesses (his sins) to this day."

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## Fabregas strikes to snatch draw for Barcelona



Barcelona's midfielder Cesc Fabregas (4) celebrates with teammates Barcelona's Brazilian defender Adriano (L), Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (UP), Barcelona's midfielder Sergio Busquets and Barcelona's midfielder Thiago Alcantara (R) after scoring during the Spanish league football match Valencia vs Barcelona on September 21, 2011 at the Mestalla stadium in Valencia. (AFP PHOTO)

BARCELONA (AFP) - A clinical Cesc Fabregas strike rescued a point for champions Barcelona to secure them a 2-2 draw away to top of the table Valencia on Wednesday.

After the first weekend of fixtures there were complaints that la liga had turned into a two horse race as both Barca and Real Madrid won by large margins but since then it has not gone their way and Valencia lead the way with ten points.

Indeed Real dropped further points as they followed up their shock defeat to Levante last weekend by being held 0-0 by modest Racing Santander.

Barcelona started at the Mestalla without the injured Andres Iniesta and Gerard Pique while David Villa was rested in attack.

The home side went ahead after just eleven minutes when Eric Abidal put a Jeremy Mathieu cross into his own net but just two minutes later Pedro Rodriguez

equalised after an interchange between Cesc and Lionel Messi.

It was far from a typical display from Barcelona though as Valencia enjoyed plenty of possession in the middle of the pitch and they went ahead again via a Mathieu cross with Pablo Hernandez slotting the ball home unmarked at the far post.

Then before half time Roberto Soldado missed in front of an empty goal.

It was not until the final stages of the match that Barca asserted themselves on the game and it was once again the Messi and Fabregas combination which has worked so well this season that made the difference.

The Argentine found the former Arsenal man, who kept his head and placed the ball past the keeper.

In injury time Valencia defender Jordi Alba was given a straight red card for a comment he made to the referee.

Real coach Jose Mourinho

rang the changes after the 1-0 defeat by Levante at the weekend which included Jose Callejon and Lassana Diarra coming into the side but it was another ineffective performance.

Cristiano Ronaldo had a header well saved by keeper Tono Rodriguez before the break and in the second half the introduction of Angel Di Maria did make some difference but he was unable to change the course of the match.

In the closing stages Real were reduced to pumping the ball forward hopefully and Racing were able to hang on. The draw leaves Real Madrid on seven points, three adrift of Valencia.

"This was a different match to that against Levante as here it felt as though there was only one side looking to win the game," said Mourinho.

"It is a worrying situation as we have now lost five points from two games away from home.

"It would be wrong to say one player hasn't scored or another one has failed but as a team we weren't at our best although we tried."

Elsewhere on Wednesday Atletico Madrid recorded their second successive 4-0 win as they beat pointless Sporting Gijon with Colombian striker Falcao scoring a double following on from his hat-trick at the weekend.



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## England, India in same World T20 group

COLOMBO (AFP) - Defending champions England and India have been placed in the same preliminary group for next year's World Twenty20 tournament in Sri Lanka, the sport's governing body said on Wednesday.

A yet-to-be determined qualifier will be the third team in group A, the International Cricket Council announced at the tournament launch in Colombo.

Australia, West Indies and a qualifier are drawn in group B, hosts Sri Lanka, South Africa and Zimbabwe in group C and Pakistan, New Zealand and Bangladesh in group D.

The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super Eights round, which will also be contested in two pools. The first two in each pool will advance to the semi-finals.

The two-yearly tournament in cricket's shortest format will be played from September 18 to October 7, with Hambantota holding three matches, Pallekele nine and capital Colombo 15.

The Premadasa stadium in Colombo will hold the semi-finals on Oct 4 and 5 and the final on Oct 7.

The two qualifiers will be determined through a separate competition between non-Test nations to be held in the United Arab Emirates from March 13-24.

The eight-nation women's

tournament will run from Sept 26 to Oct 7 with the league matches in Galle, and the semi-finals and final in Colombo on the same days and at the same venue as the men's knock-out matches.

ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat was confident the tournament will be as successful as the three previous editions in South Africa (2007), England (2009) and the West Indies (2010).

"The ICC World Twenty20 is now a marquee event in Twenty20 cricket where nations face each other for the most coveted title in the shortest format of the game," Lorgat said.

"Nothing beats nation-versus-nation contests and when these battles take place in the newest, sharpest and quickest form of the game, you can feel the excitement in fans.

"Following the legacies and success of the World Cup, I am confident that Sri Lanka will deliver another world-class event."

Lorgat said it was significant the men's and women's knock-out games will be played on the same dates at one venue.

"Those match days provide a great setting for both the men's and women's game and we remain committed to showcase women's cricket in this way, which is unique in the world of team sports," he said.



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# Yankees clinch playoff berth



Mark Teixeira #25, Alex Rodriguez #13 and Robinson Cano #24 of the Yankees celebrate

NEW YORK (AFP) - The New York Yankees became the third Major League Baseball team to clinch a playoff berth by defeating Tampa Bay 4-2 on Wednesday, moving them closer to an American

League East division title.

Eduardo Nunez smacked a solo homer off Tampa Bay's James Shields in the eighth inning to pull the Yankees level at 2-2 and Robinson Cano doubled later to score Brett Gardner and Derek Jeter with the deciding runs.

Panama's Mariano Rivera

stretched his own career major league saves record to 603 by pitching a perfect ninth inning for his 44th save of the season to complete the quest for a playoff spot, sealing no worse than a wild-card spot.

The Detroit Tigers have already clinched the AL Central division title while the Philadelphia Phillies have booked a playoff trip by capturing the National League East division crown. Four teams from each league make the playoffs.

The Yankees, 94-60, need only one more victory or a loss by the Boston Red Sox, 88-67, to seal the AL East division title.

"We're not worried about anybody else," Yankees outfielder Nick Swisher said. "We're worried about going out there and winning because we do that and it takes care of everything."

## Cubs finish home slate by beating Brewers

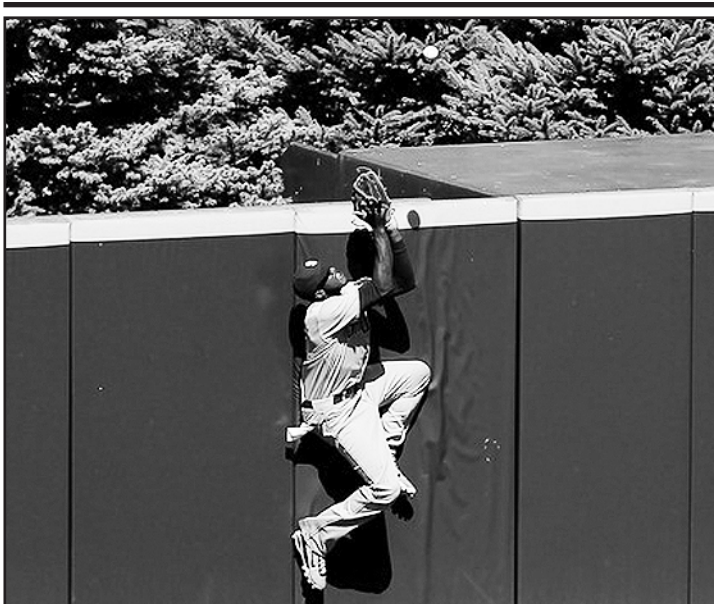


Marlon Byrd #24 of the Chicago Cubs hits a three run homer in the sixth inning

CHICAGO -- The Cubs played their last home game at Wrigley Field this season looking ahead to the future.

Rookie DJ LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking two-run double and Marlon Byrd smacked a three-run homer to back Matt Garza and help the Cubs beat the Brewers, 7-1, on Wednesday. With the loss, the Brewers' magic number to clinch the National League Central remained at three.

The Cubs finished 39-42 at home, with six games remaining on the road at St. Louis and San Diego.



Center fielder Cameron Maybin #24 of the San Diego Padres steals a home run away from Seth Smith (notes) of the Colorado Rockies for the second out of the second inning at Coors Field on September 21, 2011 in Denver, Colorado.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
X- YANKEES (2)	94	60	.610	--
BOSTON	88	67	.568	6.0
TAMPA	85	69	.552	9.0
TORONTO	78	76	.506	15.5
BALTIMORE	64	90	.416	29.5
Central				
Y - DETROIT	89	65	.578	--
CLEVELAND	76	77	.497	12.5
CHICAGO	75	79	.487	14.0
KANSAS	68	87	.439	21.5
MINNESOTA	59	94	.386	29.5
West				
TEXAS (4)	89	65	.578	--
LA ANGELES	84	70	.545	5.0
OAKLAND	69	85	.448	20.0
SEATTLE	65	89	.422	24.0

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Y-PHILADELPHIA	98	56	.636	--
ATLANTA	88	67	.568	10.5
WASHINGTON	74	79	.484	23.5
NY METS	73	81	.474	25.0
FLORIDA	70	85	.452	28.5
Central				
MILWAUKEE (3)	91	65	.583	--
ST. LOUIS	85	69	.552	5.5
CINCINNATI	76	80	.487	15.5
PITTSBURG	69	86	.445	22.0
CHICAGO	69	87	.442	22.0
HOUSTON	53	102	.342	38.0
West				
ARIZONA(3)	89	66	.574	--
SAN FRANCISCO	83	71	.539	5.5
LA DODGERS	77	76	.503	11.0
COLORADO	70	84	.455	18.5
SAN DIEGO	67	88	.432	22.0

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ; ( ) Magic Number for Division Championship

**Magic Number:** The magic number represents the combination of wins by the leading team and losses by the second-place (or tied) team that would clinch the division title.

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## League warns clubs of hefty price for injury fakers

NEW YORK (AFP) - Cracking down on injury fakers in the wake of a controversial collapse two days earlier, the National Football League sent a memo to officials for all 32 clubs on Wednesday warning of hefty punishments.

Teams face fines, player suspensions and even the forfeiture of selections in the NFL Draft if players are determined to have faked an injury during a game.

The move came after St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford said the New York Giants were wanting to stop the quick pace of play with a phony injury during a 28-16 Giants' victory on Monday.

Bradford was moving the Rams downfield with a no-huddle attack, quickly using a pre-determined series of plays to keep the Giants from adapting or changing personnel, thereby leaving New York's defense more vulnerable.

"They couldn't get subbed.

They couldn't line up," Bradford said. "Someone said, 'Someone go down, someone go down,' so someone just went down and grabbed a cramp."

Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo notified the NFL on Tuesday that they suspected the Giants of faking injuries.

Deon Grant went down late in the first quarter with what was called a cramp, forcing a stoppage in play to treat him, and said Wednesday he was not faking.

"I could see if I was walking and fell," he said. "After I made that tackle and bang my knee on that play, you see me bending my knee as I am walking."

Grant said teammate Justin Tuck, walking behind him, said to him, "D, don't run off the field, just go down."

"As I'm walking, they line up, and knowing that I can't get back in my position because of the knee injury, I went down," Grant said.

## All-time US scoring leader Modano retires

DETROIT (AFP) - Mike Modano, the National Hockey League's all-time scoring leader among United States players, announced his retirement on Wednesday after 21 seasons.

The 41-year-old center from suburban Detroit scored 561 goals and set up 1,374 others in 1,499 career NHL games with the Minnesota North Stars-Dallas Stars franchise and Detroit, where he played only last season.

"After a long summer of thinking about my future, I've come to the decision that it's time to retire," Modano said

in a posting on his Facebook page.

"What a great ride it's been!"

Modano was the last active NHL player who competed in the 1980s and the last who played for the North Stars before the team was moved to Dallas and renamed the Stars in 1993. Modano had a career-best 50-goal season in 1993-1994.

Having etched his name on the Stanley Cup with Dallas in 1999, Modano also led teams to the NHL Final in 1991 and 2000.



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## Els parts ways with Chubby Chandler



JUPITER (AFP) - South African golf star Ernie Els has split with former manager Chubby Chandler, moving management support for his career to his new office in Florida, Els said in a posting on his website.

Els, a three-time major champion, had worked with

Chandler's British-based International Sports Management since 2004.

The 41-year-old African cited his schedule keeping him in America more and more and his new office as reasons.

"I just feel like it's the right time to make this move," Els said. "After so

many years based in the UK and travelling the world golf circuit since turning pro, it is nice now to consolidate our activities in one place."

The move comes as Chandler reveals in the joy of having players he managed win three major titles this year and four of the past six.

Chandler's champions include South Africans Louis Oosthuizen from last year's British Open, South African Charl Schwartzel from this year's Masters, Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy at this year's US Open and Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke from this year's British Open.

"I wish Chubby and all the guys great continued success," Els said.

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